

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A hanger for suspending an article of merchandise from a rod, comprising:

a planar surface having a top at one end and a base at the opposed end, the planar surface adapted to receive printed indicia thereon and having [[an]] a first opening adjacent the top for suspending the hanger from a rod; and

a tab extending from the base of said surface, said tab having a stud with a base integral with one of a first tab portion or a third tab portion and an enlarged cap on its opposite end, and an aperture having a flange therein through the first tab portion or the third tab portion not having the stud integral therewith, the first tab portion having a first tab portion thickness, the third tab portion having a third tab portion thickness, and intermediate between the first tab portion and the third tab portion a second tab portion having a second tab portion thickness where the second tab portion thickness is less than the first tab portion thickness;

whereby said enlarged cap of the stud may be inserted through said aperture so as to be engaged by said flange to form a loop in the second tab portion for retaining the article of merchandise suspended from the rod.

2. (Previously presented) The hanger of claim 1 wherein the stud has a body and the cap of the stud is conical.

3. (Currently amended) The hanger of claim 1 wherein there is ~~[[an]]~~ a second opening adjacent to the base of the stud in the first tab portion or in the third tab portion integral therewith.

4. (Original) The merchandising hanger of claim 1 wherein the stud extends from the first tab portion and the aperture is through the third tab portion.

5. (Original) The hanger of claim 1 wherein the flange is divided into a plurality of flange portions.

6. (Original) The hanger of claim 1 wherein said planar surface and said tab are a single piece molded of a thermoplastic material.

7. (Original) The hanger of claim 2 wherein the conical cap is hemispherical.

8. (Original) The hanger of claim 1 wherein the ratio of the first tab portion thickness:second tab portion thickness:third tab portion thickness is 1.5-3.5:1:1.3-2.5.

9. (Original) The hanger of claim 8 wherein the first tab portion thickness is greater than the third tab portion thickness.

10. (Currently amended) A hanger for suspending an article of merchandise from a rod, comprising:

a planar surface having a top at one end and a base at the opposed end, the planar surface adapted to receive printed indicia thereon and having [[an]] a first opening adjacent the top for suspending the hanger from a rod; and

a tab extending from the base of said surface, said tab having a stud with an enlarged end and a base integral with one of a first tab portion or a third tab portion and an aperture through the first tab portion or the third tab portion not having the stud integral therewith, the first tab portion having a first tab portion thickness, the third tab portion having a third tab portion thickness and intermediate between the first tab portion and the third tab portion a second tab portion having a second tab portion thickness wherein the ratio of the first tab portion thickness:second tab portion thickness:third tab portion thickness is 1.5-3.5:1:1.3-2.5;

whereby said enlarged end of the stud may be inserted through said aperture to form a loop in the second tab portion for retaining the article of merchandise suspended from the rod.

11. (Previously presented) The hanger of claim 10 wherein the stud has a body and the enlarged end is formed with a conical cap.

12. (Previously presented) The hanger of claim 10 wherein the aperture has a flange therein formed intermediate its thickness and extending into the aperture.

13. (Currently amended) The hanger of claim 10 wherein there is ~~[[an]]~~ a second opening adjacent to the base of the stud in the first tab portion or in the third tab portion integral therewith.

14. (Original) The merchandising hanger of claim 10 wherein the stud extends from the first tab portion and the aperture is through the third tab portion.

15. (Original) The hanger of claim 12 wherein the flange is divided into a plurality of flange portions.

16. (Original) The hanger of claim 12 wherein said planar surface and said tab are a single piece molded of a thermoplastic material.

17. (Original) The hanger of claim 11 wherein the conical cap is hemispherical.

18. (Original) The hanger of claim 10 wherein the first tab portion thickness is greater than the third tab portion thickness.